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A MESSAGE From The Potentate

NOBLES OF ALEPPO TEMPLE:

THE hour glass—behold how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close."

Each of us realizes how short, at best, is the span of human life. But while seriousness of purpose should properly be the guiding spirit of us all, a Shriner recognizes that there also properly remains a place for friendship and good fellowship. And no real Noble ever grows so old as to forget that, after all, "men are only little boys grown up." So it is that we welcome the relief of wholesome enjoyment and lasting friendships on warm and restful sands. Here it is that we unbend, and at Aleppo's friendly oasis find welcome relief and relaxation from the cares and vicissitudes of daily life.

Nothing is more contagious than a friendly smile. Nothing is more relaxing than a hearty laugh. Nothing is more ennobling than friendship. All may be found in the Shrine. But friendship is never a one-way street. And how strange it is that frequently the busiest of men are the ones who never seem too busy for friendship. They recognize its value. No man is so important, or so big, that he can risk being too busy for friendships, or too busy for the word or handclasp that may be a friend's greatest need today, and our own on some day to come. A friendless man is a lonely man—and soon he is not so busy!

Well-meaning Nobles sometimes try to sell the Shrine on its Crippled Childrens' activities—that great philanthropy which dignifies the deeper purposes and feelings of the Shrine. But the primary objectives for which the Shrine was created some 67 years ago are fraternalism, fellowship among men, relaxation and wholesome entertainment. They are still the Shrine's chief stock in trade. And despite a dignified frown now and then, or a lifted eyebrow, among some of those who wear the Royal Purple among Masons, the Mystic Shrine still remains one of Masonry's chief assets. And why should that *not* be said of a great Order comprised solely of Knights Templar and 32° Scottish Rite Masons? Even if the Shrine

does teach that a man may smile, or even laugh out loud—and still remain a good Mason, and a good man! I personally believe that Masonry is stronger and better *because of* the Shrine.

It is with mingled feelings of sadness, joy and real pride that I make this report at the close of four active and happy years of service as your Illustrious Potentate. The years have passed all too swiftly, crowded as they have been with rapidly moving world events, and with radiant and cherished memories of those hundreds of splendid Shriners I have been privileged to call my friends.

From time to time I have endeavored to report on my stewardship in some detail, not without a feeling of pride, but also because I believe the great majority of our Nobility really appreciate knowing something about the Shrine Temple in which they are an important factor in their own right.

I believe the life of any successful Shrine Temple is *activity*, as well as proper management. And I know from the many appreciative letters I have received from our boys in the Armed Forces, that our carrying on full speed ahead, meets with their unqualified and enthusiastic approval.

I feel very certain that every Noble really interested in the future of our splendid Temple will give some study to the statistical summary which I have had prepared, graphically showing the pulse beats of Aleppo during the most recent 19 years in our 61 year history.

As a matter of interest, we have had 22 Potentates since we were instituted in June 1882—the first served 7 years, the next eight served 3 years each, our beloved Walter Morrison served 12 years until January 1927, the next three served two years each, the next seven (starting with January 1933) served one year each, and your present Potentate was first elected January 1940. Eight of this number are still living.

Your attention is especially called to one very significant and financially helpful factor, evident in the comparative figures from 1932 to date. In 1932, the number of members paying dues exceeded total life members by nearly 1200; the weight changed in 1933 when life members were in the majority by 294. This majority gradually increased to 1027 in 1939. Since that year, greatly assisted by numerous re-instatements in 1941 and 1943, the

comparative spread has shortened—in 1940 being 612, in 1941 being 290, and in 1942 being only 105—until now, for the *first time since 1932*, a majority of our membership is again paying annual dues. This had become a rather important factor, in view of rapid decrease in income from our Permanent Fund from \$29,806.83 in 1930 to \$13,171.43 in 1941, chiefly due to steady decline in Savings Bank interest rates to an average of about 1½%. Purchases of the limit of \$50,000.00 United States War Bonds in August of 1941, and \$100,000.00 during 1942, and now still another \$100,000.00 during 1943, with your approval on recommendation of the Potentate—making *one quarter of a million dollars in War Bonds*—have been not only a patriotic duty worthy of emulation by other fraternal organizations but also, incidentally, have already begun to reflect an increased return in our Permanent Fund from \$13,171.43 in 1941 to \$13,603.85 for 1943.

In the line of patriotic demonstrations it should be stated that the entire uniformed units of Aleppo Temple participated in the All American Parade in Boston on Sunday, October 11, 1942, and in Boston's Flag Day Parade on Monday evening June 14, 1943. In January 1943, Aleppo Temple donated \$1000 for the complete furnishing and equipment of a new recreation house at Camp Edwards; and in December donated \$150 to furnish two nurses' rooms under Red Cross auspices, at the new U. S. Army Hospital in Framingham. To each of the 302 members of Aleppo Temple now in active service we have this past year, as in 1942, forwarded a special Christmas message together with a carton of Pall Mall cigarettes. Incidentally, a large additional contingent from our Patrol is signed up in U. S. Naval Auxillaries, with a minimum of 12 hours service in uniform each week. Several hundred of our Nobles are also serving on the home front in the State Guard Units organized in the cities and towns in our jurisdiction. Numerous Nobles have made repeated Blood Bank donations. Our complete Shrine Band, in uniform, has twice made the trip from Boston to Ayer, playing at the Base Hospital on May 3, and under the auspices of the Fort Devens Square Club on December 6.

Meanwhile the number of our Permanent Contributing Memberships in the

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**A GREAT MEMORIAL
FOR A NOBLE CAUSE**

THE number of members, organizations and friends who have joined the Shrine Hospital Endowment Fund through the purchase of a \$60.00 membership, has increased two hundred per cent this year to a total membership of 318.

Any person may purchase one of these memberships for \$60.00. The principal is invested in War Bonds and the interest is paid to the Shrine Hospitals each year in the name of the member, not for life, but for as long as the Shrine Hospitals shall exist. A Shriner who purchases one of these memberships shall be exempt from further payment of the annual \$2.00 Hospital assessment in the future.

Any person not belonging to the Shrine, or any organization, may purchase an Endowment Fund membership and they will receive a beautifully engraved certificate similar to the one presented to Shriners, attesting to their membership in "The World's Greatest Philanthropy."

The names of the members of this Fund have been published in previous issues of the A. M. News. We are listing below the names of those who have joined the Fund since the publication of the last list up to December 31, 1943.

- 262 WILLIAM J. QUINN
- 263 DAVID A. CUTLER
- 264 JULIUS M. KAPLAN
- 265 WILLIAM F. TANNER
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- 284 JAMES L. MILLER
- 285 ANDREW G. ROBINSON
- 286 CARLETON F. BUDDINGTON
- 287 HENRY S. BLETHEN
- 288 FRANCIS A. PARKER
- 289 WILLIAM H. DAVIS
- 290 FRANKLIN A. SMITH
- 291 HOWARD L. CHANDLER
- 292 RUSSELL W. CHANDLER
- 293 JOHN JACOB FINK
- 294 MARTIN GOLDSTEIN
- 295 ERNEST DONATH
- 296 SAMUEL GOLDSTEIN
- 297 DONALD C. MEAD
- *298 IN MEMORY OF MARY LOUISA BAER
- 299 ALBERT FRUH
- 300 EDWIN I. OFGANT
- 301 JOSEPH S. CALIGA
- 302 WILLIAM L. NICKERSON
- 303 ALONZO B. REED
- 304 ALBERT THORLEY
- 305 JAMES MOORHEAD, JR.
- 306 ABRAHAM E. HALPERIN
- 307 KENNETH BROOKS HISCOE
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- 309 BENJAMIN C. SPAULDING
- 310 MURRAY TARADASH
- 311 FRED O. WADSWORTH
- 312 HARRY N. BLOOMFIELD
- 313 LAURENCE A. HAYNES
- 314 SAMUEL EPSTEIN
- 315 EDWARD A. BEGLOW
- 316 MAURICE W. PARKER
- 317 GEORGE C. ERSKINE
- 318 HENRY W. DAVIS

(Listed to December 31, 1943)



A NOBLE IN DISTRESS

ONE of Aleppo's twenty-five-year members, Noble Sigmund Wurf, who has been a patient at the Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, for the past month, is in need of a blood transfusion. Any Noble of Aleppo who would like to help a worthy Shriner by donating his blood should call Noble Leggee at the Recorders Office, KENmore 0678, who will make the necessary arrangements.

Noble Wurf, who has been a Life Member of Kilmanark Lodge of Scotland since 1906, writes an appeal for help from the Hospital in which he says that he wants to regain his health so he might attend a few more of Aleppo's ceremonials. Let's help him attain this ambition Nobles. Act now before it is too late. You will truly be doing a Noble act and it will mean a great deal to this venerable Shriner.

**FORMER HOSPITAL PATIENT
SELLS ENDOWMENT MEMBERSHIP**

OUR Nobles down Quincy way all know Jim Moorehead who owns and operates Moorehead's Shoe Store. Noble Jim had a great surprise recently and realizes more than ever what the Shrine Hospitals really mean.

SUBSCRIPTION TO SHRINE HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND

**HARVEY B. LEGGEE, Captain,
Shrine Hospital Endowment Fund,
Aleppo Temple,
97 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.**

Date 1944

1. For Shriners:

Please enroll me as a Permanent Contributing Member to the Maintenance Fund of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, and exempt me from future hospital assessments.

2. For Non-Shriners and Organizations:

I wish to join with the Shrine in their work for crippled children. Please enroll me as a Voluntary Permanent Subscriber to the Maintenance Fund of the Shriners' Hospitals.

Enclosed check for \$..... for memberships.
(Minimum, one membership \$60.00)

Deliver certificate to:

Name

Address

Make checks payable to Aleppo Temple

A lady walked into his store and introduced herself as the former Madaline Rockwood, who through Noble Jim's efforts, entered the Shrine Hospital in Springfield. Much to his surprise she told him that she was living in Quincy, was now married and the mother of three very fine children which she said never would have happened except for the Shriners' Hospital in Springfield.

After a long and pleasant visit the lady thanked Noble Moorehead and the Shriners and departed. When Noble Jim came to, he found himself writing a check to Aleppo Temple to buy a \$60.00 Permanent Hospital Endowment Membership; which, he said, was the greatest investment he had ever made and which was prompted by the visit of the lady who was formerly a patient at Springfield. Noble Jim has received Hospital membership certificate number 305.

ANNUAL MEETING

VAUDEVILLE SHOW • ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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BUFFET DINNER - - - - - 5.00 to 7.00 P.M.

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CONCERT BY SHRINE BAND 6:30 to 7:00 P.M.

Evening Business Meeting and Annual Election of Officers . . . 7.00 to 7.30 p.m.

GRAND HALL MECHANICS BUILDING

SPECIAL SECOND SECTION Work by Aleppo Degree Staff . . . 7.30 to 8.00 p.m.

ON GRAND HALL STAGE

Grand Vaudeville Show 8.00 to 9.30 p.m.

N.B. Take Notice of NEW ENTRANCE Locations to Meetings

Bring this page with you for Time Schedule

Walter W. Morrison

Recorder
Telephone KENmore 0678

Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.

Illustrious Potentate

IMPORTANT NOTICE — Section 206 of Article 24 of the Code of the Imperial Council: The printing, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, tickets or other devices, by a Noble, or Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple, is hereby prohibited. For any violation of this section the Imperial Potentate shall suspend the offending Noble, or Nobles, until the next regular session of the Imperial Council, and he may, in his judgment declare the election of such officer or officers void and order a new election.

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Shrine Hospital Endowment Fund, under the Chairmanship of Noble Harvey B. Leggee, has more than tripled from 102 in January 1943 to our present total of 318.

Our monthly luncheons, as well as Baseball Day, and Annual Stag Wrestling Night at the Boston Arena through the courtesy of Noble Paul Bowser, have continued to be enjoyed by many of the Nobility. Likewise, the Spring and Fall Bridge Parties and Dances at the Hotel Statler and Copley Plaza Hotel, have shown a most healthy growth—starting with 232 players and net proceeds of \$380.40 in 1940, and growing to 476 players and \$596.41 in net proceeds in October 1943.

Finally I believe that Aleppo's Shrine Circus at the Boston Garden these past three years has proved a public activity worthy of New England's leading fraternal organization. Agencies in charge of thousands of underprivileged children, throughout Metropolitan Boston, have gratefully and eagerly accepted the opportunity to assure this glimpse of happiness for childhood. Public reaction has been most favorable. Masonic interest in the Shrine has unquestionably been awakened. And Aleppo Temple, without any financial risk or obligation whatever, has realized a reasonable profit for its own activities. Besides the purchase of over 200 uniforms for the uniformed units in 1940 to replace equipment some 20 years old and no longer fit for use, the Temple has already received a clear \$6200 for 1942, and \$8500 in 1943! I more than appreciate the generous response by the Nobility of Aleppo Temple, and our friends, which made a venture of this magnitude such a gratifying success.

At the conclusion of my four years of service as your Illustrious Potentate, I wish to express my deep and earnest appreciation for the cooperation and support of the Nobility of Aleppo Temple. In your behalf, I take this opportunity also to thank the uniformed units, with a full realization of the important part which they have played. Your officers, without exception, have assisted in every way possible. I realize the extra work cheerfully done by your Treasurer, Noble Frank Morrill, and our Recorder Walter Morrison. And our Assistant Recorder, Noble Harvey B. Leggee, has valiantly and cheerfully worked on the day shifts, the night shifts and the swing shifts!

During a period of four years we have suffered membership losses totalling 1782—940 by death, 200 by demit, and 642 through suspension. And yet, as of December 31, 1943 we have more members than we had on December 31, 1939! There is a reason. And the reason is the Shrine! We are all Masons. And yet, as far as I know, Aleppo Temple of the Shrine is the only fraternal organization in Massachusetts—or New England for that matter—which can show a net gain in membership for 1943, and for the four year period since January 1941! That is a record of which you and I, as Nobles of the Shrine, may well feel proud, but which should give us pause for serious thought as Masons. The Scottish Rite in Indianapolis this past month had 1854

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ALEppo TEMPLE

1925-1943 INCLUSIVE

	<i>Created</i>	<i>Affiliated</i>	<i>Reinstated</i>	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Demits</i>	<i>Suspensions</i>
1925	724	16	1	180	284	277
1926	679	20	4	240	111	175
1927	425	13	15	222	102	122
1928	523	27	8	255	66	299
1929	469	21	19	243	82	215
1930	309	15	9	245	117	275
1931	191	12	13	246	117	68
1932	106	31	5	299	138	88
1933	98	28	5	270	167	1555
1934	93	18	86	277	125	243
1935	83	24	242	277	61	554
1936	83	10	240	229	65	573
1937	107	18	58	264	104	655
1938	99	14	30	219	76	356
1939	178	33	149	236	65	123
1940	86	11	53	223	57	157
1941	112	20	400 (C)	238	68	202
1942	195	25 (B)	65	236	32 (D)	140
1943	427 (A)	22	230	243	43	143

(A) Largest in 14 years

(B) 2nd Largest in 10 years

(C) Largest in 61 years

(D) Smallest in 22 years

	<i>Total Members</i>	<i>Gain or Loss</i>	<i>Life Members</i>	<i>Members Paying Dues</i>	<i>Fees</i>	<i>Dues</i>
1925	15,139	+ 103	Figures not available.	\$54,300.00	\$98,538.00	
1926	15,316	+ 177		43,575.00	107,963.50	
1927	15,323	+ 7		32,435.00	114,739.50	
1928	15,278	— 62		39,300.00	105,919.50	
1929	15,247	— 31	6974	8273	34,950.00	103,366.00
1930	14,943	— 304	6854	8089	23,175.00	103,565.00
1931	14,728	— 215	6728	8000	14,325.00	85,602.00
1932	14,345	— 383	6579	7766	7,800.00	71,477.00
1933	12,484	— 1861	6389	6095	6,350.00	60,729.98
1934	12,036	— 448	6244	5792	4,600.00	69,642.00
1935	11,493	— 543	5906	5587	4,100.00	64,857.13
1936	10,959	— 534	5742	5217	4,200.00	58,393.44
1937	10,119	— 840	5444	4675	5,300.00	59,239.46
1938	9,611	— 508	5223	4388	4,950.00	51,648.24
1939	9,547	— 64	5487	4460	8,950.00	50,523.48
1940	9,260	— 287	4936	4324	4,300.00	50,408.47
1941	9,284	+ 24(F)	4787	4497	5,630.00	54,119.66
1942	9,161	— 123	4633	4528	9,750.00	54,391.05
1943	9,411 (E)	+ 250 (G)	4509	4902 (H)	21,400.00 (I)	58,451.14 (J)

(E) Largest in 4 years

(F) 1st net gain in 14 years

(G) Largest net gain in 19 years

(H) 1st majority since 1932

(I) Largest in 13 years

(J) Largest in 6 years

Candidates! The November Detroit Consistory Class numbered 840. Detroit Commandery, K. T., listed 75 petitions for the Orders in October 1943; Los Angeles Commandery K. T., with 100 already knighted during 1943, conferred the Order of Malta on 49 candidates in October.

How has your Blue Lodge, and your Chapter, and your Commandery, and your Consistory been doing? It may be very well to argue that we should remain exclusive, or that more members do not necessarily assure better Masonic Lodges. But I am not one of those, in cloistered seclusion, who believes that there still cannot be a very considerable number of good men outside Masonry—even in Massachusetts! We may well continue

to "learn from Masonic tradition"—but let us not sit back and watch Masonry here in Massachusetts become just a tradition. Our Lodges here in New England continue to show net membership losses year after year, not because applicants are being turned down, but because applications are not coming in.

As Shriners, who are Masons, let us strengthen our ranks now for the sake of the boys who are beyond the seas, and for the preservation of Masonry and the Shrine in the years to come.

Gratefully yours with and in the Faith,

Illustrious Potentate.



THE FLAGS OF THE ALLIED NATIONS being displayed by members of the Arab Patrol at the Fall Ceremonial of Aleppo Temple held at Mechanics Building, November 30, 1943.

The flags of the 32 Allied Nations were displayed to the Nobility as the name of the Nation to which it belonged and the date that Nation entered World War II, was announced by the Potentate.

**TWENTY-NINE NEW MEMBERS
CREATED DECEMBER 30th**

AT a special meeting of Aleppo Temple held at Shrine Headquarters Thursday, December 30, 1943, 29 new members were elected and obligated in the Mystic Shrine.

The new members and their resident address are listed below:

Andrew J. B. Alexander, of East Bridgewater

Samuel Blumsack, of Medford

Jean Joseph Brenner, of Dorchester

Lyman Croan, of Dorchester

Sidney Samuel Dushan, of Dorchester

Jacob S. Eisenberg, of Fall River

John V. Gikas, of Brookline

Myer Moses Glasberg, of Revere

Henry Reynold Johnson, of Lynn

Henry Harold Kaplan, of Revere

Herman W. Kautz, of Everett

George Solomon Kenison, of Everett

Louis Kremer, of Haverhill

Edgar Lebow, of Roxbury

Samuel Lebow, of Roxbury

Gerald E. Ledbetter, of Newton Centre

Lewis Jacob Lerner, of Roxbury

Albert Norris, of Roxbury

Herman A. Osgood, of Waban

Nicholas Peter Panos, of Dorchester

Peter Salinsky, of Revere

Joseph L. Schwartz, of Fall River

John V. Shayeb, of Revere

Jacob Henry Sundel, of Fall River

Irving H. Shaw, of Lynn

Joseph Tanel, of Medford

Charles Harold Walters, of Woburn

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Samuel Winer, of Haverhill

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DURING 1943 we received 431 applications — and 427 novices were present to be obligated. These 431 applications were secured by 268 Nobles of Aleppo Temple. Analysis shows that 10 Nobles obtained 71 out of the 431 applications. A total of 38 Nobles obtained 159 of the candidates.

One Noble procured 21 applications; one procured 8; two procured 6; six procured 5; four procured 4; twenty-four procured 3; forty-two procured two and 188 Nobles procured one each.

BUT 8891 members of Aleppo Temple presented NO applications during 1943.

Unless your present residence, or place of business is far removed from Boston — or unless you are friendless among Knights Templar and 32° Masons who are not members of the Shrine — YOU join our *Membership Honor Roll* in 1944 and give us ONE application during the present year.

Let each one of us resolve during 1944 to make an extra effort to row our weight in the boat.



BY J. ARTHUR MCCOY
Associate Editor

If we knew where our men in the service are located and knew what they are doing, what a lively story it would make! It is hard to realize that within a year or so, they have left us to travel to the other side of the globe—Tripoli, Tunis, Bizerte, Sicily—places that most of us know only as names on the map. With the actual invasion of Europe about to start, we will hope that this momentous year of 1944 will end it all and bring our boys back home again.

Fifteen of the men of the patrol are now signed up for service with the Temporary Coast Guard Reserve, under the leadership of Joe Jacobs. The entire force working under the Captain of the Port, for the first naval district comprises 3700 men. The men serve twelve hours weekly guarding bridges, the waterfront, on explosive detail, etc. and performing other duties which help to protect our shores, prevent fires, sabotage, etc. Company 502, to which our members belong is commanded by Joe Jacobs. The other men include Alex Campbell, Frank Carpenter, Samuel Colton, Harold Ferry, James Fortune, Roy Gaskill, Montgomery Gibson, Elmer Hanna, John Hovespian, Andrew McCulloch, Howard Sharts, Joseph Stead, George Vaughan (Capt. General of Beauseant Commandery) and Arthur Dunstan. Perhaps when their story is finally told, it will be as dramatic as the Boston Tea Party, etc.

In the daily sketch of "Our Gracious Ladies" in the Boston Traveler, on Dec. 6, we read of the busy life of Mrs. Kenneth B. Hiscoe, wife of our Dr. Hiscoe, of the first platoon. Mrs. Hiscoe is Vice-President of the Women's Association of the Mass. Osteopathic Hospital, which organization has contributed \$43,000 towards its work. Wartime conditions obliging her to attend to all of her household duties, she also finds time to sponsor, through her organization, the Red Cross Nurses Aides, to make surgical dressings, serve as Vice-President of the Winchester Fortnightly Club, to serve with the Florence Crittenton League, to care for their three children, to maintain an active interest in music and in various other programs. Surely the ladies are doing their share in helping throughout these critical times.

The Potentate gave a dinner, December 17th, to those who worked with him in making the Shrine Circus a success. A chicken dinner was served by Caterer Witham. Of the 166 men present, 100 were members of the patrol. Charlie Magee's orchestra provided its usual fine music and there were sound pictures of the war. Further entertainment was provided by Rideout the Magician and by Carl Moore, radio humorist and singer.

Our greetings and best wishes go especially at this time to our Arab Patrol members in the services:

HAROLD C. BEAN
JAMES BLATCHFORD
GORDON CHAPMAN
ARTHUR C. JOHNSON, JR.
JOHN A. MACCAULAY
LEWIS E. MOORE
ARTHUR MORRISON
EDWARD W. SMITH
THATCHER D. TAYLOR
GEORGE E. TUFTS
MEYER WEKER
FRED H. WILCKE
JOHN W. WOODWORTH
THOMAS W. WYMAN

HUB MASONS GUESTS OF HYDE PARK LODGE

MASONIC organizations of greater Boston were the guests of Hyde Park Lodge, A. F. & A. M. at the First Baptist Church, Hyde Park, Mass., Sunday evening, December 5th, in honor of the Pastor, Rev. Chellis V. Smith, S.T.D., upon his completion of twenty-five years membership in the Masonic Fraternity. Dr. Smith is also Pastor Chaplain of Shawmut Lodge of Boston.

Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., of the Probate Court and present Potentate of Aleppo Temple delivered the principal address of the evening.

Music was furnished by a large chorus under the direction of Mrs. J. Foster Cass. Noble Franklyn Field, well known to fraternal organizations, was the soloist.

NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB CONTRIBUTES TO CHARITIES

SUPPLEMENTING the Annual Christmas tree party of the New Bedford Shrine Club it was voted to contribute fifty dollars each to several worthy charities in that city. The President of the Club, William Stitt, advised that owing to the wartime conditions the Christmas party was omitted for the second consecutive season.

The organizations to participate in the contributions were: The Standard-Time Neediest Families Fund, Sol-e-Mar Hospital, Sassaquin Sanatorium, St. Mary's Home and the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children at Springfield, the last specifically designated for use at the children's Christmas parties at the Shrine Hospital.

President Stitt also announced that the Annual Meeting and election of officers of the Club would be held Wednesday, February 9th, the time and place to be designated later.

A man is getting old when he starts watching the food instead of the waitresses.

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NOTES OF NOBLES

THE well known Judge of our West Roxbury Municipal Court, Judge Frankland W. L. Miles was recently appointed a member the Jurisprudence committee of the general grand chapter, world head of the Eastern Star.

Noble Miles, who is a Past Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts O. E. S., is well known in Masonic circles around Boston. He is an authority on juvenile delinquency and has been highly praised for his constructive work with juveniles in his district court.

William L. Nickerson, Marblehead, walked into the Shrine headquarters the other day looking like an inspector of the U. S. mint. He had under his arm a heavy bundle containing 1200 U. S. nickels which he had just received from his son, Noble F. W. Nickerson of Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y., with the request that he use the same to purchase himself a Christmas present in the form of a \$60.00 Hospital Endowment Membership. Noble Nickerson's son conceived the idea of this method of painless saving some time ago through which he also purchased himself a Hospital Endowment membership.

It is no mystery as to where a member of the Arab Patrol spends his Friday evenings or where a member of the Shrine Band spends his Monday evenings as these are the two nights set aside for Patrol drills — Fridays — and Band rehearsals — Mondays. But, many of the Nobles, and no doubt one of the fairer sex, have wondered where Potentate Wilson has been spending his Tuesday evenings. "Murder will out." The mystery has been cleared.

On Tuesday evening, January 4, 1944 Potentate Wilson was installed as Chancellor Commander of Milton Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Dorchester. He joined Milton Lodge, K. of P., in 1931 and has been playing an active part as an officer of the Lodge for many years.

Milton Lodge is to be congratulated in having as their leader one of the most active fraternalists in greater Boston. They may look forward to a future of activity and great progress under the leadership of Chancellor Wilson.

One of our candidates who crossed the hot sands at the November 30 Ceremonial visited the Shrine Headquarters a few days following the meeting and presented a check for \$60.00 to purchase a membership in the Hospital Endowment Fund. Noble A. E. Halperin who is a manufacturing druggist, said that although he had been a Mason for eighteen years and not a Shriner, it gave him great pleasure to be a Life Member of the Shrine



THE W. FREELAND KENDRICK TROPHY was the award received by Sphinx Temple of Hartford, Connecticut for selling the most number of Shrine Endowment Fund Memberships in 1942.

The above photo shows Imperial Outer Guard Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., of Aleppo, presenting the trophy to Potentate Raymond I. Longley, of Sphinx Temple. The presentation took place at the Hartford Club, Hartford, Conn., Wednesday, December 1st.

Hospitals. Twelve years ago, as a Blue Lodge Mason, he took 300 pairs of crutches of all sizes from his stock and shipped them to the Springfield unit of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. He didn't think at that time that twelve years later he would be a Life Member in the Shrine Hospitals.

We have always believed that membership in the Shrine meant a great deal, not only to those at home but to many in strange lands. This belief has been vindicated through the receipt of the following note from the wife of one of our Nobles in the armed forces.

"I hardly believe there is another man belonging to your organization who is getting more out of being a member, than Major Wells is just now! It has helped him a lot.

"Thanks.

"E. H. WELLS."

Noble Russ Lynn, Aide to the Potentate sent in the following interesting note which he clipped from a newspaper question box.

Q.—Please give a description of the burial of George Washington.

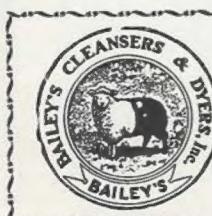
A.—Four white robed clergymen led the procession to the grave, followed by an escort of officers and Masons; then the coffin with eight pallbearers, officers of the revolution; then prominent Masons; foot and horse guards from Alexandria brought up the rear. There was a brief ceremony at the tomb where the Rev. Mr. Davies performed the Masonic rite.



ONE OF ALEppo'S OLD TIMERS

One of Aleppo's old timers, Noble Hiram Stiebel, who has been confined at his home, 152 Russell Ave., Watertown, recently celebrated his 94th birthday. Noble Stiebel has been a member of Aleppo for 37 years, having affiliated with Aleppo February 8, 1906 from Moolah Temple of St. Louis, where he was made a Shriner in 1887.

Noble Stiebel has been a Mason for 62 years and a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies for 57 years. He has many friends around Boston and he would enjoy receiving a letter or a card from any Noble.



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By VAIL K. HAAK
Associate Editor

AS the New Year rolls around the bowlers move to the mid-season mark. The team tabbed "The High Priests," captained by Sid Abbott is in first place by a slim margin of two points over "The Assistant Rabbans," lead by Jerry Jones. The third and fourth teams are right on their heels however.

Harold Chase leads in the averages with 103 with Jerry Jones as runner up with 100. Chase also has rolled the high single of 135 with Haak second with 128. The high three is held by Haak, 343, with Chase and Jones tied in the second slot with 343.

The following is a poem written by Amy L. Howland, wife of Doc Howland of the Aleppo Bowling League. Mrs. Howland died this past summer and Doc found this among her effects.

SHRINERS' NIGHT

There are alibis a' plenty
We wives of Shriners hear,
As through this world we journey
With our Shriner husbands, dear.

They may go to wrestling matches,
They may bowl the night half thru
They may play the game of Pinochle,
Or a Poker hand or two.

But their step is always lighter
And their eyes more true and bright
As they don their Fez and smartly say
It's "Shriners Night" tonight!

We wives may think and ponder,
On what the charm or sight
That brings that happy light to face
When it's "Shriners Night" tonight!

We wonder if in years to come
When the Black Camel dims the light
Will the same sweet smile light up their
face

As it did on "Shriners Night."

Recently our attendance has been pretty well shot with Harry Gordon out for a month due to business, Mitch Hambr sick, and K. A. Juthe, John Eaton and Perce Davis out of town for a couple of weeks. They are all back now and raring to go.

Heard from Jim Greig and he is doing fine. Rex Roberts I understand is trying to out-do Mrs. Roosevelt in travelling on his job in the foreign service. Nat Bartlett one of the original Shrine bowlers is living in Norwood and wishes to be remembered to all the boys.

Sid Abbott won the high three string and Johnny Juthe won the high single at Turkey Roll-off just before Christmas. With the shortage of turkeys they were both presented with the down payment in case they were fortunate to obtain one.

With the Amateur Boston Pin League approaching the half way mark the Aleppo Team holds first place with a margin of 2 points over Oxford Club of Lynn.

The Officers and members of the League wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



GEORGE M. COHAN A MASON

"My Mother Thanks You. My Father Thanks You, My Sister Thanks You and I Thank You."

THE immortal curtain speech of George M. Cohan, of the Four Cohans, will live forever. He came into the world with grease paint in his hands and the theater was his altar of worship throughout his life. He gave us such inspirational songs as "Over There," "It's a Grand Old Flag," "A Yankee Doodle Dandy," and many others. His passing in New York on November 5, 1942, is mourned by millions.

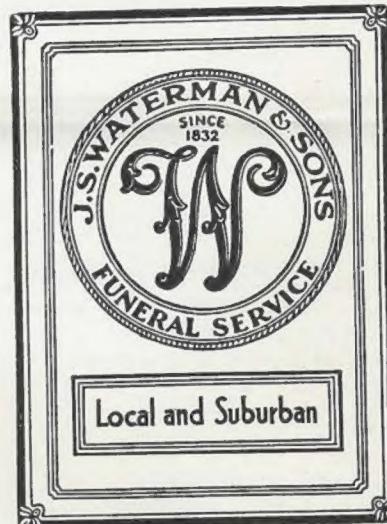
George M. Cohan was known to be a Mason and his burial by the traditional Roman Catholic Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City has occasioned some inquiries as to his Masonic membership. There is nothing in Freemasonry to prevent a Roman Catholic from receiving any of the degrees, as the craft welcomes all good men of all creeds. Many Roman Catholics have been active members of the Fraternity.

Brother Cohan was initiated into Masonry on May 18th, passed on August 17th

and raised on November 16th, all in 1905 in Pacific Lodge, No. 233, New York City. He became a Life Member of the Lodge, never withdrew or demitted, and was a member in good standing at the time of his death.

He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, New York City, and had filed a petition for initiation and membership in Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine but at the time of his death had failed to consummate his membership.

He exemplified true Masonic teachings in the breadth and warmth of his friendships among all manner of men, and friends of many different faiths joined in mourning at his passing. Less than a year before his death he presented his autographed photograph to the Library of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction, in Washington, D. C.



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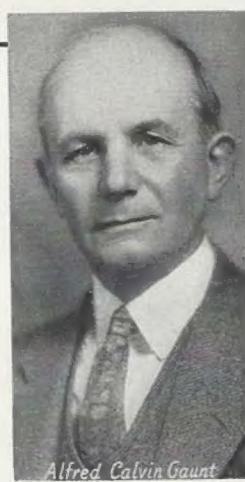
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LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

THE following letters were received by Potentate Wilson in appreciation of recent activities participated in by Aleppo Temple.

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"Mr. Robert G. Wilson, Jr.,
"Potentate,
"Aleppo Temple,
"Boston, Mass.

"Dear Brother Wilson:

"I wish to express to you my deep appreciation for the coming of the Shrine Band that played at Fort Devens on December 6th. We tried to give the brethren a good meal and I am sure that everyone at the concert enjoyed the affair very much indeed. We appreciate their effort in coming and I wish that you would convey to the members, if you have the opportunity, our sincere thanks.

"Very sincerely yours,
"BRADLEY J. FOLENSBEE, Chaplain."

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

"Mr. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.,
"Dear Sir:

"At the Conference of the School Committee on Monday evening of this week, the Committee received your recent letter enclosing a check (in the sum of \$100.00) as a contribution from Aleppo Temple Circus to the fund for the furnishing of hot luncheons to undernourished and needy children in the Boston schools.

"The School Committee was pleased to receive your generous gift from the Aleppo Temple and thanks you sincerely.

"Very truly yours,
"LOUISE KANE,
"Secretary."

"Dear Potentate:

"Will you please convey to my good friends and brethren at Aleppo Temple my thanks for the cigarettes which they sent me. I think it very generous of the Temple to remember the Nobles in the service, and believe me, I know how much it is appreciated, especially when you're far away from home.

"I hope I have the opportunity of saying 'hello' some day soon. Until then, my very best regards.

"Sincerely,
"GEORGE W. ROBERTS,
"Major, A. C."

"Dear Illustrious Potentate:

"Your Christmas greeting in the form of a carton of Pall Mall Cigarettes reached me a short time ago and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the thoughtfulness that prompted the sending of it. To those of us who are in the Armed Services, the receipt of a Christmas package means a great deal. Cigarettes are always a welcome gift!

"Although I am stationed here in Rhode Island, and not too far from home, it is,

course, impossible for me to attend any meetings of the Shrine. I do appreciate, however, receiving my ALEPO NEWS each month as it keeps me posted on the activities.

"Once again, may I thank you for the Christmas gift. Please accept my best wishes for a most pleasant New Year.

"With kindest personal regards, I am
"Very truly yours,

"T. S. BURGIN,
"Lieutenant, U.S.N.R."

"My dear Illustrious Potentate,

"Please accept my very deep appreciation for the kind remembrance from the Temple on this holiday season. This is the third time I have received a Christmas package from Aleppo. As I travel about in the Service I am proud of my membership in Aleppo, and have met many fine Nobles.

"I have just been transferred from Hartford Induction Station to Springfield Induction Station as Medical Director, and I will now take pleasure in making my acquaintance with the Nobles of this fine city.

"Fraternally,
"NOBLE RALPH H. WELLS,
"Major, MC."

"Dear Boss:

"It was just swell to be on the receiving end of Aleppo's Christmas Greetings.

"My part in the sum total of war effort, insignificant and humble though it may be, is considerably strengthened by the kind thoughts of the boys back home who are doing so many decent things to make America a place to be cherished more than ever.

"Very sincere thanks to you, your staff and the boys.

"Cordially,
"RUSSELL BURKHARD,
"Captain, A. U. S."

"Dear Judge:

"I am extremely grateful to Aleppo Temple for the Christmas Greetings and carton of Pall Mall Cigarettes.

"Karem Temple here in Waco, Texas, is doing an outstanding job with their crippled children's fund. All visiting Nobles are invited to Karem Temple's dinners free of charge.

"Under the able leadership of Potentate Baine and careful guidance of Recorder Bill Quebe, Karem Temple has made great strides in increasing their membership and activities.

"Give my very best regard to all the Nobles and with all good wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am

"Fraternally yours,
"FREDERICK K. MOUGEY,
"Major, Air Corps."

"Dear Potentate Wilson:

"I wish to express my thanks to you and all the members of Aleppo Temple for the Christmas present which I have just received. I assure you that your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated, and that the

cigarettes arrived at a most opportune time and were very acceptable.

"I take this opportunity to wish you and all the Nobles of Aleppo Temple Shrine a very merry Christmas and a prosperous Happy New Year.

"Sincerely yours,
"MAURICE JENNEY, C.M. 2/c.

"Dear Mr. Wilson:

"The writer wishes to extend to you and the Aleppo Temple his deep appreciation for the gift of Pall Mall Cigarettes that were received by him in the early part of this month.

"We in the service can always enjoy smokes but for each one received, I would be happy to see that those overseas received fourfold because their work is the hardest.

"Wishing you, Illustrious Potentate, a Very Merry Christmas.

"Fraternally,
"GEORGE E. DODGE,
"Lt. Col., A.C."

S/Sgt Daniel Stevenson
Btry "B" 114th AAA gun Bn
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Dec. 22, 1943

"V MAIL"

"Dear Potentate:

"I have just received your Xmas package and want to thank you and the rest of the Nobles of Aleppo Temple for your kindness. I will really enjoy smoking them. I am stationed in North Africa now. It is pretty rough out here but we are getting used to it now. I do not know how long we will be here. Many times I wish I were home. It gets real lonesome over here. I miss the enjoyable times we had together and I hope you are still having them. I must close now by wishing you an enjoyable New Year.

"Fraternally yours,

"DAN STEVENSON."

"P.S. Please write."

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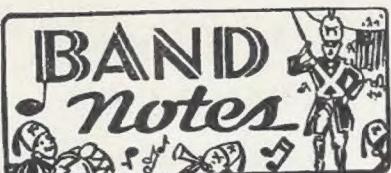
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"I HEAR YOU CALLING ME"

WE were reminded of the above little ditty recently when the uniformed units held a "get-together" meeting at Headquarters. Prior to the dinner being served our Quartermaster, "Freddie" Goggin, was very busy distributing some tickets, and being somewhat "nosey" (*i.e.*, a bit curious) we asked "What for?" and were informed that they were chances on a fine 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ -pound ham. Being a little affluent that night we invested a quarter, with no idea of winning because we are usually unlucky in such ventures. At the dinner there was a good deal of noise and laughter, as there generally is on such occasions, when suddenly it dawned on us that the Potentate was calling a number, but on account of the noise we did not catch it. Finally the Potentate yelled in a loud voice, "Who in heck was 110?" And, lo and behold, it was us. Gosh! We were so surprised we were hardly able to toddle up and get the ham. We kept our eye on "Scottie" the rest of the evening as we were afraid he might be tempted to swipe a few slices for his sandwiches. In fact, we took a taxi home for fear of being "high jacked" of that precious piece of sustenance.

Which reminds us of the old minstrel gag, where the Interlocutor says to one of the End Men, "Bones, I hear you called me a hog the other night." And Bones replies, "No I didn't call you no hog, all I said was that if they cut you up in thin slices and put you 'tween slices of bread you'd make a fine ham sandwich."

The band went to Fort Devens the sixth of December as per schedule, and had a very fine trip, although it rained in torrents before we got back. This time, however, we played in the theatre and had plenty of room on the stage so we did not poke out anyone's eye with the flute. And the boys did full justice to the "chow" they served, especially the cookies which the army chef made. After eating six we lost count.

Noble Ed Dale, who has been absent from the band for a long time, showed up for duty at the circus and has become an active member again. Ed usually plays the baritone but is versatile, and any brass horn is all right with him. As the band needed trombones Ed has shifted to the "slip-horn."

Noble Milo Burnell is one of the old reliables of the cornet section, and can be counted on to answer the roll call at any band function. If he would only do something desperate, such as "sassing" a traffic cop, he might get his name in these columns.

Noble Walter Morrison, our Recorder, recently received a letter from our old friend Noble "Tony" Di Lascia, who in the early days of the band played in the flute section. A few years ago, on account of ill health, Tony returned to his native Italy, but he is back again in his old job in the

U. S. Navy, being Chief Musician in charge of the Navy Yard concert band in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, N. Y. He has a son in the U. S. Air Force now overseas, somewhere in England.

In December we attended the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of St. Paul's R.A. Chapter (of which we are an "absentee" member, not having attended a meeting for a great many years). We were agreeably surprised to meet a number of our Aleppo friends on that occasion. Our Potentate was toastmaster, and needless to say there were no dull moments during the post-prandial exercises. Noble "Fibber" McGee and his orchestra furnished the music, "Charlie" officiated on the fiddle and Noble "Chet" Brigham pounded the ivories. So take it all in all we felt quite at home.

Will be seeing you at the annual.

C. C. F.



CIRCUS DADDY'S CLUB LIST NO. 6

RETURNS on the recent Third Annual Shrine Charity Circus are still being received at Shrine Headquarters. There are still some outstanding accounts which the Circus Committee would like to balance. The future receipts on Circus tickets will be used by the Committee to offset the amount spent by the Committee in purchasing extra tickets for the underprivileged and crippled youngsters. Proper credit will be given future donations.

The following is a list of names of those who have made donations since the printing of the last list inserted in the December issue of the ALEPO MONTHLY NEWS.

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A CAPTAIN'S DREAM

THE following interesting letter was received from one of our Nobles who is a Captain of Engineers. He wrote the letter to a business associate who thought it was too good to go unpublished:

"Dear Harry:

"Thots before a sixteen mile hike. Wake up, Captain, wake up! Disturbing words to hear at 3:30 A.M. You roll over to go back to sleep and thots run thru your mind. Will the men be called? Will they eat at four? Where will I eat, at the officers' mess or with the Company? Will the officers get up? Will my feet stand it? Must be sure to put on my stockings smoothly, don't want blisters. What was the uniform to be? Will the flashlights be ready? How many men shall I put out for a connecting file? I must go over the orders again while I eat? Dammit, what was the pass word? And the countersign? Knew them last night. Hell, I've got to get started. Glad I shaved last night. Must remember not to drink any water. Fifty yards behind so and so, twenty-five yards between so and so; I've got that. Must check feet of men on breaks. Wonder how many will fall out? God, I'm tired. I'd go back to sleep. Why didn't that soldier let me sleep until four? I don't remember telling him 3:30. I'll give him a week's extra duty with a pack on his back. Who was it? Damned if I know. No smoking, no noise, must remember flank guards, route, step, 106 a minute. Hell of a lot to remember. That damn pack — did I adjust the straps, they weren't right the last time. Now what was it I didn't want to forget? I look at my watch, must get going. Must hurry or I'll have to wait my turn to wash. Must remember guards. Wonder if the moon is bright, will it change things. Got to watch for those holes. What will I have for breakfast? Hell of a long way. Must check my watch. I've got to get up. Mud every twenty-five miles. Wish to hell it was over, wonder if I can stand this one. Guess I'll have a smoke and then get up. What time does one move out? Must check that. Those, Harry, are a few of the thots that run thru your mind. Everything is jumbled at that hour. You know everything the night before but you can't remember a thing when you first wake up. Guess it all comes back after you get started and everything goes off smoothly, except for a few mistakes.

"Was in the barracks the other day inspecting; found a rusty rifle. Didn't have a pencil to write the number down so called a soldier going by and he brought me one, then hung around. Finally he said, 'Captain, if you can find any rust on my rifle I'll walk two hours a night with a full pack for thirty days.' Now this man, John Clark, was a small time gambler in Pittsburgh before the war, and supposed to be smart. I said, 'Where's your barracks?' And off we started. Went in and he got his rifle. One of the old Springfield 03's. Hard to keep clean. Harry, it was in good shape, clean and well oiled and after going over the outside I knew that I would have to take it apart. I did. Clean and well oiled inside, knew I had to find rust somewhere and only one place left — in

the threads. I looked and then looked him straight in the eye and said that most despised word, 'Rust.' His mouth dropped, his eyes opened to the size of two quarters and he looked at it and then up at me and said, 'Captain, that's dirty oil.' Now Harry, thirty days, two hours a day with a full pack is a long while, especially if you haven't done anything and asked for it, so I called two soldiers going by and told them to take the bolt outside and then tell me if there was rust on the threads. The two of them went out and looked it all over and agreed that it was rust. All Clark said was, 'Captain, I over spoke myself.' Later he got permission from the 1st sergeant to see me and you should have heard him plead to get out of it. Finally after keeping him upset for a half hour I told him to forget it. As he went out I heard him say, 'I'm going to keep away from him, he gets me every time!'

"Regards to all the boys.

"EARLE."



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When you get into your warm comfortable bed tonight, think of the youngsters who are sleeping in mud, rain and snow, fighting to protect and to preserve the comfort of your home for you and your family. Tomorrow he may be calling for you to give him his very life. And for all you know it might be the youngster who lives down the street. Will you be found wanting, Noble?

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The boys didn't fail you! Can you do less for them?

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GRATEFUL SOLDIER AIDS HOSPITAL

WHILE the hospital drive was in progress in Hartford, a young army private from Texas asked the Y. M. C. A. desk for the name of a Shriner. Meeting the Noble, he handed him ten crisp \$10 bills. The Texan said, "I've just recovered from an operation. If I'd had a civilian doctor instead of an army doctor, it would have cost me \$100, and I want to give that money to some good cause. The Shriners' Hospital is one of the best I know." The charitable Texan insisted upon anonymity, so the \$100 was turned over to the Springfield Unit without personal publicity. A true soldier in war and peace.

OPPELA TEMPLE NO. 50

DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

AT the December 15 Session of Oppela Temple, Daughters of the Nile, a splendid report on the Victory War Bond was read from the Minutes of the November Session. The Queen, Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey Mason, received hearty congratulations on her wonderful achievement and Mrs. Lena A. Lewis was the happy recipient of the Bond.

Mrs. E. Maude Dougan, Chairman of the Orthopedic Committee, received many packages of dolls, games and toys for the Christmas Box she sends to the Shriners' Hospital in Springfield each year from Oppela Temple.

After the close of the Session, the Queen, Mrs. Mason, was hostess to the members at a delightful Christmas Tea. The table was beautifully decorated and just loaded with goodies. Each member received a lovely handkerchief from the Queen. Past Queen Emma B. Folsom and Past Queen Noffsinger presided over the Coffee Urn and the Tea Service.

As each guest was supposed to represent a Hollywood or Radio Star, they were properly received by the Queen as their names were announced, and the Princess Royal, Mrs. Eleanor B. Solomon, as the Spirit of Christmas, presented each with a gift from the tree. A truly happy time was enjoyed by all.

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